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DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371

U.S. APPLICATION NO.

(if known, see 37 CFR 1.52)

NEW

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International Application No.  
PCT/JP2004/014347International Filing Date  
September 30, 2004Priority Date Claimed  
October 3, 2003

## Title of Invention

POWDERED MOLDING POWDER FOR CONTINUOUS CASTING OF STEEL

Applicant(s) For DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. §371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2))
  - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)). **ATTACHMENT A**
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)).
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19.
9. ☒ An unexecuted oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(4)). **ATTACHMENT B**
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 14. below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. **ATTACHMENT C**
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment. **ATTACHMENT D**  
☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
14. ☒ Other items or information:
  - a. International Search Report **ATTACHMENT E**
  - b. Cover Page of Published International Application WO 2005/032745 A1 **ATTACHMENT F**

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19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS  <div style="text-align: center;">           THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED            TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN            FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT            ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975  <span style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">000513</span> </div>				By: <u>Matthew M. Jacob</u> Matthew M. Jacob, Registration No. 25,154  WENDEROTH, LIND & PONACK, L.L.P. 2033 "K" Street, N.W., Suite 800 Washington, D.C. 20006-1021 Phone: (202) 721-8200 Fax: (202) 721-8250  March 21, 2006							

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